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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 4351

E.O.: 11652: GDS
TAGS: DA MILI MASS
SUBJ: SALE OF 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS

REFS: A. COPENHAGEN 7349 DTG 130732Z DEC 77, SAME SUBJ,
B. DLA DPDR 151530Z DEC 77, SAME SUBJ, C. SECDEF ASD-
ISA 7314, DTG 280058Z DEC 77, SAME SUBJECT, D. USAFE
PROCUREMENT CEN LINDSEY AS MSG 310806Z MAR 78, SUBJ:
ACQUISITION OF GUN PODS/ANCILLARY ITEMS FROM FFV COMPANY,
SWEDEN, NOTAL SECDEF, SECSTATE, USCINCEUR

1. REF A ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW AND AP-
PROVAL TO PROCEED WITH SALE OF MAP 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS TO
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT-OWNED FORENEDE FABRIKSVARERKEN (FFV). GUNS
PRESENTLY IN STORAGE WITH RDAF. REF B ADVISED THAT GUNS MUST
BE DECLARED EXCESS BY DENMARK, THEN SENT THROUGH MIMEX SCREEN
FOR RESALE. REF C ADVISES THAT RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO GUNS MUST
BE ON GOVT-TO-GOVT BASIS AND ASKS ODC COPENHAGEN IF DANES
WISH TO BUY RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO GUNS. REF D ADVISES THAT USAFE
PROCUREMENT REGION IS TASKED TO PURCHASE LIMITED QUANTITY OF
FFV GUN PODS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR EGLIN AFB TEST CENTER.
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2. FFV REPRESENTATIVES ADVISE ODC COPENHAGEN THAT THEY ARE
WORKING ON GUN POD DEVELOPMENT FOR USAF A-10 AIRCRAFT APPLI-
CATIONS. REF D TENDS TO SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT. FFV NOW AT-
TEMPTING TO BUY 10-20 EXCESS 50 CALIBER GUNS FOR DEVELOPMENT
WORK BUT NONE APPARENTLY AVAILABLE IN EUROPE THROUGH EXCESS
PROPERTY CHANNELS.

3. ROYAL DANISH AIR FORCE HAS A NUMBER OF GUNS (MAP PROPERTY) IN STORAGE BUT RELUCTANT TO DECLARE PROPERTY EXCESS, PURCHASE RESIDUAL RIGHTS, AND THEN SELL GUNS TO SWEDES. THIS AOULD VIOLATE DANISH LAWS PROHIBITING TRANSFER OF WEAPONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. DANES DO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DELIVER GUNS TO SWEDES IF DIRECTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT, WHO IN FACT OWN THE GUNS. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD SOLVE THE LEGAL (AND MORAL) DILEMMA FOR THE DANES.

4. ODC COPENHAGEN NOT AWARE OF USAF TEST PROJECT WITH FFV, NOR ARE WE SURE THAT U.S. GOVT IS EVEN INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FFV IN GUN POD PROJECT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE AND ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING:
DO WE WISH TO ASSIST FFV IN OBTAINING MAP 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS PRESENTLY IN STORAGE WITH RDAF? IF SO, HOW DO WE PROCEED WITH RELEASE OF PROPERTY BACK TO U.S. FOR EVENTUAL TURN-OVER TO FFV?

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